

**HARALSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 2, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Haralson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Allen Poole. Ms. Sandi Couch offered the Invocation and the commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Poole noted for the record that Commissioner Smith was absent.

Chairman Poole stated that the board had been given the minutes of the May meetings to review. He asked if there were any changes to be made and there were none. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the May 5, 2015 regular meeting minutes and the May 28, 2015 special called meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Dobbs seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the agenda as written. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**Chairman's Report**

- Chairman Poole reported that the Recreation Project Phase 3 was underway. Several bids out for the beginning work and some underground infrastructure already beginning.
- Jail Project – The Construction Manager at Risk Request for Qualifications has been advertised. This project is scheduled to be completed by late summer 2016.
- Chairman Poole asked that everyone keep Commissioner Smith in your prayers. He is in Tanner Carrollton CCU with some heart complications. He also asked that everyone keep Election Supervisor, Vaughn Gable's wife in their prayers. In the hospital ICU with a possible stroke.

**Public Participation on Agenda Items**

None

**Item #1 – Employee Health Insurance – Vote**

The Board has had the opportunity to review the options for the employees' health insurance at a work session and a special called meeting. There was not a quorum at the special called meeting to vote. All the commissioners were contacted and each was leaning toward the Humana 80/20 policy with a \$3000 deductible.

Randy Sanders, from Sanders Associates Insurance, the county's insurance broker, was asked to review the options. Mr. Sanders detailed the Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal rate and the difference in that plan and the Humana Plan. He stated that the BCBSGA renewal rate was a little over \$40 per individual/per month more than the current premium. It is a 70/30 plan with a deductible of \$3500 per person. The Humana plan is about \$6 less per person per month than the current plan. It is an 80/20 plan with a \$3000 deductible per person. Some of the copays are less than the BCBS plan and the total out of pocket per family is less with the Humana plan. Overall, it will save the county a little money while improving the employees insurance.

Commissioner Robinson stated that he wanted to go on the record as being in favor of saving some money and improving the insurance, but he felt like it is risky to go out of the ACCG pool, because if we have a bad year and the premiums shoot up next year, we can't go back to ACCG for 3 years.

Commissioner Bennett stated that with BCBS we will continue going up. Our agents have stated that there are no more ways to change the coverage to improve the cost. She feels that going with the Humana plan is best for the employees and the county.

Marcy Sanders Heath stated that for the last 5-6 years, Haralson County has been under the claims ratio for the pool and our premiums have still continued to go up.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the Humana plan for the county insurance for the year. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

#### **Item #2 – Proposed Budget FY 2015-2016**

Chairman Poole stated that the Board of Commissioners have been given the proposed budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year to review. He stated that the budget is \$13,697,284 and would require using \$115,211 from the fund balance to reach the needed revenue. He asked that the board take this budget to review and there would be a meeting called to discuss it if needed.

#### **Item #3 – Transit Contract**

Chairman Poole stated that the county had received the contract from the Georgia Department of Transportation that covered the Transit program in Haralson. This is a contract that must be renewed each year to receive the money from the state that helps to fund this department.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to renew the GDOT Transit contract. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

#### **Public Participation on Non Agenda Items**

None

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Dobbs seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Submitted by Alison Palmer  
County Clerk